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RAJYA SABHA

Fast-Track Power Projects

***475. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:**

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the fast-track power projects which have received sovereign counter-guarantees have not come upto the expectations of Government to revamp infrastructural base in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) how many of them are completed/in progress/yet to come into light?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SURESH PRABHU): (a) to (c) The Government of India had decided to provide counter guarantee to eight private power projects in 1994. The details of the private power projects which have already been extended counter guarantee of the Government of India are given below:

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Capacity (MW)
1.	Dabhol Combined Cycle Gas Turbine, Phase-I, M/s. Dabhol Power Co., Maharashtra.	740
2.	Jegurupadu Combined Cycle Gas Turbine, M/s. GVK Industries Ltd., Andhra Pradesh.	216
3.	Bhadravati Thermal Power Project, M/s. Central India Power Co. Ltd., Maharashtra.	1082
4.	Neyveli (Single Unit Lignite based) Thermal Power Project, M/s. ST-CMS Electric Co., Tamil Nadu.	250

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Capacity (MW)
5.	Visakhapatnam Thermal Power Project, M/s. Hinduja National Power Corporation Ltd., Andhra Pradesh.	1040

Of the projects mentioned above, the Dabhol Combined Cycle Gas Turbine, Phase-I (740 MW) and the Jegurupadu Combined Cycle Gas Turbine (216 MW) have been fully commissioned. The Neyveli Thermal Power Project (250 MW) is under construction. The promoters of the 1082 MW Bhadravati Thermal Power Project and the 1040 MW Visakhapatnam Thermal Power Project are yet to achieve financial closure and commence construction activities.

Besides these, the 208 MW Godavari CCGT in Andhra Pradesh of M/s. Spectrum Power Generation Limited, for which the request for counter guarantee had withdrawn by the promoters, has also been fully commissioned.

In the case of the remaining two projects, on December 22, 1999, the Government of India approved extension of counter guarantee, through the revised procedure for the 500 MW Ib Valley Thermal Power Project in Orissa of M/s. AES Ib Valley Corporation and the 1013.2 MW Mangalore Thermal Power Project in Karnataka of M/s. Mangalore Power Company Ltd. The draft counter guarantee and tripartite agreement documents in respect of these two projects have been forwarded to the respective State Governments for comments/necessary action. Both these projects are also yet to achieve financial closure and commence construction activities.

Distress sale of cotton by cotton growers in Orissa

*476. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the distress sale of cotton by cotton growers in Rayagada district in Orissa;

(b) if so, the steps taken to give minimum support price for cotton in that part of Orissa; and